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House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEASE).

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DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

December 6, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD A. PEASE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Through the prophet Isaiah:

"The Lord said: Since this people draws near with words only and honors me with their lips alone, though their hearts are far from me, And their reverence for me has become routine observance bound by human precepts, Therefore I will again deal with this people in surprising and wondrous fashion."

Take our hearts, O Lord, and draw them closer to You.

May the movement of Your Spirit within us and surrounding our times whip us once again into being Your people.

Truly free, with justice written on our hearts, prepare us for the surprising deeds You wish to accomplish in and through this Nation.

In You we trust now and forever. Amen.

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THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 5, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 5, 2000 at 3:23 p.m.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.J. Res. 126.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH,
Clerk of the House.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces that pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following joint resolution on Tuesday, December 5, 2000:

H.J. Res. 126, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEASE) at 4 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

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MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 127, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the joint resolution (House Joint Resolution 127) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes; that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment; that the joint resolution be debatable for one hour, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the

House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, December 7, 2000, at 2 p.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for official foreign travel during the second quarter of 2000, by Committees of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

AMENDED REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1 AND JUNE 30, 2000

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Bill Archer	4/17	4/19	Egypt						5,852.16		5,852.16
Committee total									5,852.16		5,852.16

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

BILL ARCHER, Chairman, Nov. 30, 2000.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

11178. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Livestock and Seed Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Livestock and Grain Market News Branch: Livestock Mandatory Reporting [No. LS-99-18] (RIN: 0581-AB64) received December 4, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11179. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Dairy Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Milk in the Tennessee Valley Marketing Area; Termination of the Order [DA-01-01] received November 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11180. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington; Exemption From Handling and Assessment Regulations for Potatoes Shipped for Experimental Purposes [Docket No. FV00-946-1 IFR] received November 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11181. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Seismic Safety (RIN: 0572-AB47) received December 4, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11182. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Animal Welfare; Perimeter Fence Requirements; Technical Amendment [Docket No. 95-029-3] received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11183. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; South Dakota [Docket No. 00-103-1] received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11184. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hydrogen Peroxide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-301071; FRL-6748-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11185. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Peroxyacetic Acid; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-301068; FRL-6748-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11186. A letter from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Comptroller of the Currency Administrator of National Banks, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Assessment of Fees; National Banks; District of Columbia Banks (RIN: 1557-AB72) received December 1, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11187. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Consortia of Public Housing Agencies and Joint Ventures [Docket No. FR-4474-F-02] (RIN: 2577-AC00) received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11188. A letter from the Secretary to the Board, Emergency Loan Guarantee Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Emergency Steel Guarantee Loan Program; Commercial Lending Practices and Re-Opening of Period for Applications (RIN: 3003-ZA00) received December 1, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11189. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting a report entitled, "Merger Decisions"; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11190. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Market Risk Measure; Securities Borrowing Transactions [Regulation H and Y; Docket No. R-1087] received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11191. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the annual report of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for Fiscal Year 2000, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1145(e); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

11192. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Twenty-second Annual Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

11193. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting a comprehensive report on "Replacement Fuel and Alternative Fuel Technical and Policy Analysis"; to the Committee on Commerce.

11194. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Immunology and Microbiology Devices; Classification of Anti-Saccharomyces cerevisiae (S. cerevisiae) Antibody (ASCA) Test Systems [Docket No. 00N-1565] received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11195. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Ventura County Air Pollution District [CA 022-0239; FRL-6875-8] received December 1, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11196. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Grapeland, Texas) [MM Docket No. 00-151; RM-9942] (Elkhart, Texas) [MM Docket No. 00-152; RM-9943] received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11197. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, Digital Television Broadcast Stations (Scottsbluff, Nebraska) [MM Docket No. 00-140; RM-9916] received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11198. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau,

Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, Digital Television Broadcast Stations (Redding, California) [MM Docket No. 00-115; RM-9884] received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11199. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Mill Hall, Jersey Shore, and Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania) [MM Docket No. 99-312; RM-9735] received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11200. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, Digital Television Broadcast Stations (Dozier, Alabama) [MM Docket No. 00-131; RM-9897] received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11201. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Grapeland, Texas) [MM Docket No. 00-151; RM-9942] (Elkhart, Texas) [MM Docket No. 00-152; RM-9943] received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11202. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: TN-32 Revision (RIN: 3150-AG66) received December 4, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11203. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—to incorporate in visa regulations a complementary rule to a recent amendment of the Schedule of Fees—received December 4, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

11204. A letter from the Director, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President, transmitting the White House personnel report for the fiscal year 2000, pursuant to 3 U.S.C. 113; to the Committee on Government Reform.

11205. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2000, through September 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(d); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11206. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2000, through September 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11207. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Acquisition Regulation: Business Ownership Representation [FRL-6912-2] received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11208. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities

of the Department's Inspector General for the period April 1, 2000, through September 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11209. A letter from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting the Semiannual report of the Inspector General of the U.S. International Trade Commission for the period of April 1, 2000, through September 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11210. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 2000; and the semiannual report on Final Action for the National Endowment for the Arts, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11211. A letter from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress and Management's Response for the period April 1, 2000 to September 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11212. A letter from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting the semiannual report of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1 to September 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11213. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors, United States Postal Service, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period ending September 30, 2000; and the semiannual management report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11214. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Migratory Bird Hunting; Temporary Approval of Tin Shot as Nontoxic for Hunting Waterfowl and Coots During the 2000-2001 Season (RIN: 1018-AH67) received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11215. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of Defense, transmitting an Interim Feasibility Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment for JOHNSON Creek and the Upper Trinity River Basin in Arlington, Texas; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11216. A letter from the Regulations Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Manufactured Home Tires [Docket No. FMCSA-97-2341] (RIN: 2126-AA65) received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11217. A letter from the Regulations Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Motor Carrier Identification Report [Docket No. FMCSA-2000-8209] (RIN: 2126-AA57) received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11218. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Market Segment Specialization Program; Auto Dealerships—received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5

U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

11219. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Returns Relating to Payments of Qualified Tuition and Related Expenses; and Returns Relating to Payments of Interest on Education Loans—received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

11220. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Balance Due and Refund Anticipation Loans Under sec. 7216—received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

11221. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Administrative, Procedural, and Miscellaneous—received December 4, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

11222. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of his intention to modify the list of beneficiary developing countries under the Generalized System of Preferences, changing the designation of "Western Samoa" to "Samoa" submitted in accordance with section 502(f) of the Trade Act of 1974; (H. Doc. No. 106-318); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

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PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. SALMON (for himself, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. CRANE, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. DELAY, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. WAMP, Mr. TANCREDI, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. SCHAFER, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. COOK, Mr. HAYWORTH, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. KING, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. PITTS, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. NEY, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. COMBEST, and Mr. DUNCAN):

H.R. 5642. A bill to prohibit a State from determining that a ballot submitted by an absent uniformed services voter was improperly or fraudulently cast unless the State finds clear and convincing evidence of fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. BACHUS:

H.R. 5643. A bill to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to clarify the authority of the Administrator of General Services to provide services and facilities to Presidents-elect and Vice-Presidents-elect; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. YOUNG of Florida:

H.J. Res. 127. A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

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MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

490. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Ohio, relative to Senate Joint Resolution 11 memorializing the United States Congress to take the action necessary to propose, and submit to the several states for ratification, an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that would prohibit the desecration of the American flag; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

491. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relative to Resolution 47 memorializing that the United States Congress prepare and submit to the several states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to add a new

article providing as follows: Neither the Supreme Court nor any inferior court of the United States shall have the power to instruct or order a state or a political subdivision, to levy or increase taxes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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ADDITIONAL SPONSORS TO PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 2706: Mr. BENTSEN.
H.R. 2900: Mr. INSLEE.

H.R. 3700: Mrs. MORELLA.

H.R. 4029: Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 4825: Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. LAHOOD.

H.R. 5585: Mr. OWENS, Mr. ROTHMAN, and Mr. INSLEE.

H. Con. Res. 441: Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. PITTS, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. CONDIT, and Mr. MCINTYRE.